# MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

## TWENTY-SIXTH DAY.

*Thursday the 9th April 1953.*

The House met in the Assembly Hall on Thursday the 9th April 1953 at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI H. SIDDAIYA, B.A., LL.B.), in the Chair.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

*Improving the condition of the employees in State-owned industries.*

*Q.*—335. Sri K. S. VASAN (Kolar Gold Fields).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

what further steps have been taken by them to ensure efficiency and to step up production and to improve the conditions of work of the employees in the State-owned industries in the State ?

*A.*—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

The working of the Government Industrial Concerns is reviewed by the Directors in charge and by the Boards of Managements concerned and special attention is paid to increase in production, economies in working expenses, rationalisation of production, development of sales and marketing of products. Works Committees composed of representatives of labour and management have been formed to review and discuss specific problems of production with a view to increase efficiency.

A scheme of production bonus has been introduced in the Mysore Iron and Steel Works and its extension to other concerns is under consideration. Increasing attention is being paid in respect of labour welfare amenities, including provision of quarters to the extent possible.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Why and under what circumstances has the proposed High Power Directorate not yet been constituted in Mysore ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, I made a lengthy statement with regard to the reasons why the proposed High Power Directorate has not yet been constituted in Mysore. If you permit me, I will have to repeat the same thing again.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Not necessary. That statement was made during the first week of the Session.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Has increased output of production been registered as a result of various measures adopted ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Visible increase in output is found in Bhadravati Iron Works after the production bonus scheme has been introduced.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the present conditions of work and the rate of work and the rate of the remuneration paid to workers ensure stepping up of production ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That is always kept in view by the Government consistent with other factors.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Have Government recently closed down the Industrial Workshop in Robertsonpet, Kolar Gold Fields.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I want notice.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Has there been an appreciable expansion in these industries from 1951 ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have already given the figures. 1951 was a period of depression for us, and, in 1952, they have been rejuvenated and to some extent revitalised.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—What is the total number of workers in the industries owned by the State ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—In the Government Electric Factory, it is—920.

Government Porcelain Factory—400.

Government Soap Factory—141.

Government Industrial Workshop—200.

Implements Factory—229.

Government Silk Weaving Factory—210.

180.

Dichromate Factory—60.

So far as Bhadravati Iron Works is concerned, I gave the figures last time. I have not got the figures now.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is not the Government of Mysore the biggest employer of labour by themselves ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes, Sir.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Should not then Government set up an example in the matter of labour welfare ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We have done already.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Are Mysore Government productions sold in emporiums in the State and outside the State as well ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That is under contemplation.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Are there technically qualified managers for all these industrial workshops ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Yes, Sir.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—How many of these technical hands are foreign experts ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I want notice for that.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Are there persons sent to foreign countries for technical qualification employed in the industrial concerns ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We have got a large number of them in Mysore.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—Is it not a fact that the rates of wages and dearness allowance given to the workers in these industries are far less when compared with those of the employees in other industrial undertakings ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I want notice.

Sri K. S. VASAN.—How many industrial disputes are pending at the various stages of conciliation in respect of these industrial undertakings ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That has been answered as 54 pending.

Sr K. S. VASAN.—Will Government take steps that amicable settlements are made as speedily as possible ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—That is our constant endeavour.

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*Shortage of foodgrains in Central Reserve Food Depot, Kadur.*

*Q.*—549. Sri Y. M. CHANDRASEKHARAIAH (Kadur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the shortage of foodgrains in the Central Reserve Food Depot in Kadur—

(i) since 1943-44 ;

(ii) the cost of the same ;

(*b*) whether the auditors have informed the concerned authorities to make good this shortage ;

(*c*) the amount recovered so far according to this audit objection ;

(*d*) the amount still remaining to be recovered ?